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In re the Application of

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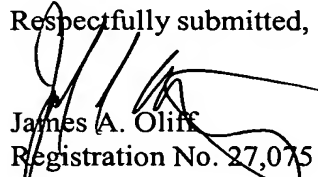
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- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2-3.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	1	US 2003-0118876	06/26/2003	Sugiura et al.			
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	2	JP A 7-264715 (with abstract and translation)	10/13/1995	Japan			
	3	JP A 6-253409 (with abstract and translation)	09/09/1994	Japan			
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